



# ***Burton Overy***

# ***Newsletter***

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## **Parish Council News**

### **Changes on the Parish Council**

In June Robert Lloyd resigned as a councillor. Robert served for three years on the council and we are very grateful to him for his hard work during that time. In particular he played an invaluable role and spent many hours ensuring that our IT systems were running well and fit for purpose. We have now co-opted and welcome Stephen Rankine onto the Parish Council. The remaining councillors are Fran Brown (Chairman), Simon Barre (Vice Chairman), Michael Broughton and Carolyn Carson.

### **Village Sign**

For the last 14 years the village sign on the grass triangle at the entry to the village has been beautifully looked after by John Cornwell. John now feels it is time to hand on this responsibility for the annual repainting and maintenance work much of which needs to be done from a ladder. I would like to express our grateful thanks to John for his hard work over the years in keeping the sign in such good condition. We now need to find somebody who can carry on this work. If anyone is interested please give me a ring so we can discuss what is involved. John is very willing to offer advice and guidance.

### **Changes to planning legislation and policy and the implications for Burton Overy**

The planning landscape both locally and nationally is changing. Here in our area, Harborough District Council is in the process of preparing a new Local Plan for the Harborough District in response to the changes introduced by the Government. The Local Plan sets planning policies for the District and the new plan will identify key areas of land for development.

Development in Burton Overy, like other villages, has over many years been limited by a notional line around the village outside of which development has been restricted. The new Local Plan is going through a lengthy consultation process but the general direction indicates that it will provide housing figures even for some smaller settlements together with criteria for the way that settlements can expand as an alternative to the current limits to development. A settlement hierarchy has been drawn up based on the current size of a community and the availability of services such as shops, schools, doctor's surgeries, public transport etc. The availability of services has a big influence on where a parish appears in this hierarchy and therefore how much development that parish might be expected to take. Burton Overy is low down in the hierarchy being classed as countryside and therefore, although there is no guarantee, it is unlikely to be looked to for any significant development outside the relatively modest planning applications that the parish gets from time to time.

That being said, local communities have been promised a voice in local planning matters and the way this is being put into effect is through Neighbourhood Plans. Parish Councils are being encouraged to consider whether their parishes would benefit from a Neighbourhood Plan. Neighbourhood Plans are enabled through the Localism Act and give communities rights and some element of control with respect to new development in their area.

Plans can cover a number of issues of importance to smaller parishes. This can include; identifying which green spaces and other important areas and buildings should be protected such as historic buildings; incorporating a village design statement for any new buildings which are given planning permission; highlighting features seen to be important locally; containing a policy for conservation and a landscape character assessment.

A Neighbourhood Plan once adopted has statutory effect within the district's local plan. In view of this some consideration needs to be given to the advantages of such a plan particularly in the area of preserving the character of this village. The Plan has to have the support of the whole community and meet a number of formal requirements.

We need to establish whether there would be support in the village for a Neighbourhood Plan. To help people to be better informed and to understand the implications of having one or not, it is proposed in due course to arrange a meeting in the village hall. This will be an opportunity for you to hear from the Neighbourhood Plans Officer from Harborough District Council, to obtain further information, ask questions and to share your views. In the meantime more information is available on the Government's website [www.pas.gov.uk](http://www.pas.gov.uk) – planning advisory and on Harborough District Council's website [www.harborough.gov.uk](http://www.harborough.gov.uk) - *planning – local plans*. Please also feel free to speak to any of the Parish Councillors.

Fran Brown

Chairman

259 3184

### **A Thank You**

Alan and Jane Chandler would like to say a huge thank you to the residents of Burton Overy for all the cards, good wishes and lifts during Alan's recent heart attack and following heart surgery. He is doing well now. People of Burton Overy you did us proud.

Kind Regards,

Alan and Jane Chandler

## Village Hall

The Village Hall has hosted 3 quizzes this year which have accompanied a Fish and Chip Supper. These have been very successful with over 50 people attending and a good time has been had by all.

The next quiz will be in the Spring of 2015. Watch out for details on the Village Hall page of the village website.

Minutes of Village Hall Committee meetings are now available on the same website.

## NEW YEARS EVE BALL

Last New Year was the first community gathering to celebrate together and was an incredible success. Plans are well advanced for this year so look out for the details to appear over the next few months.

## 100 CLUB

Another year has passed and it will soon be renewal time – look out for the envelope which will be delivered through your letterbox over the next few weeks. This will confirm your number/s and the cost for 2015 and tell you how to renew.

If you would like to buy a number for next year we have a few spares which cost £24. The draw is held for 12 months with prizes of £60, £30 and £10 each month. Contact Helen Johnson, [heljen@btinternet.com](mailto:heljen@btinternet.com) to arrange a number.

The 100 Club as so far raised over £5000 for Hall funds and covers one seventh of the annual running costs of the Hall.

## VILLAGE DISTRIBUTION

We have now completed the task of trying to co-ordinate the delivery of items of news and flyers around the village in a more organised way.

Instead of a small number of people having to trail all the way round to deliver their item there is now a “Distributor” for each block of about 10 houses. This distributor will deliver things like the Kibworth Chronicle, Glen Sence and even this Newsletter.

We are still looking for a volunteer to cover the houses on The Gravel and also for “Reserves” who can cover for distributors are away on holiday. Your help would be appreciated! Just email [burtonoveryvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:burtonoveryvillagehall@gmail.com) to volunteer.

## **Burton Overy Women's Institute**

The WI have had an enjoyable summer of meetings, starting in June with an afternoon outing to Rockingham Castle which concluded with a cream tea.

In July our speaker was Peggy Morgan, her subject: Women and their Religions. A interesting and thought provoking talk.

In August, members met at the home of Phyllis Hallam for a social evening, everyone bringing food to share.

Ian Risely was our demonstrator for the September meeting, in an hour he drew a portrait of a Jack Russell dog in pastels, which he kindly left for WI to keep.

In October Jane Chandler will lead us through the intricacies of card-making, everyone can have a go.

At the September meeting President Margaret Pollard presented the awards for the WI section of the Village show. The cup for the Highest Aggregate Score was presented to Beryl Connolly who also won the Flower Goblet and the Craft Thimble. The Cookery Spoon was won by Mary Parker. As there was no winner in the photography section, Pauline Wells will retain the photograph frame for another year.

In 2015 the WI Movement will celebrate it's centenary. A silver baton which is travelling through every county in England and Wales arrived at Foxton Locks on Wednesday 8th October. The baton stayed in Leicestershire for one week before it was passed on to the Huntingdon and Peterborough Federation at Rutland Water. The baton finally arrives at the Royal Albert Hall in London for the AGM in June 2015.

We are a small institute who would welcome new members. Why not come along to the village hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and give us a try?

## **Burton Overy Village Show**

This year's show was held on Saturday 6th September. The cup winners were:

- Best in Show Trophy - **Judy Rollin**
- Aggregate Cup - **Jane Chandler & Lawrence King**
- Glebe Garden Trophy - **Judy Rollin**
- Tom Cooper Shield - **Jane Chandler**
- Johnson Cup - **Craig Langton**
- Flora James Rose Bowl - **Judy Rollin**
- Bert Ashby Trophy - **Heather Selvey-Willars**
- Childrens' Cup - **Lottie King & Lawrence King**

Please see: [www.leicestershirevillages.com/burtonovery/burton-overly-village-show.html](http://www.leicestershirevillages.com/burtonovery/burton-overly-village-show.html) for a full list of the winners.

## Spectaculars

The Spectaculars choir will be taking part in the Leicestershire community choir challenge, "We Sing for HOPE" at St James the Greater church Leicester, on Saturday 15th November, in aid of HOPE against cancer.

Eight community choirs from across Leicestershire and Rutland will each perform in front of four judges and a large audience. My idea is to bring all these little communities from across the county together, to represent the area that HOPE is working for every one of us across Leicestershire and Rutland will benefit from the work they do, directly or indirectly, at some time in our lives. I have experienced this personally, when my father received new pioneering treatment for prostate cancer as a direct result of one of these research programmes.

We are hoping to raise a significant amount of money for this fantastic local charity through sponsorship, ticket sales and refreshment/gift sales on the night.

James Sellicks has very generously agreed to be our corporate sponsor, covering all the fixed costs, which means that every penny raised by those involved will go straight to HOPE.

Tickets are £10 each, available from the HOPE against cancer office. You can call Corinne on 0116 2700101, or email [corinne@hfcr.org](mailto:corinne@hfcr.org).

Doors open at 6.15pm for a 7pm start.

Please support your local community choir. It would be fantastic to see lots of Burton Overby faces there on the night cheering us on!

If you would like to sponsor us, you can contact [helen@wesing.co.uk](mailto:helen@wesing.co.uk), or make a donation via my sponsorship page at [JustGiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com/Helens-We-Sing-for-HOPE), "Helens We Sing for HOPE".

I am sure it will be a fantastic fun evening and I hope we do our wonderful village proud.

Helen Alloway

Interested in joining The Spectaculars? They meet in the restaurant of The Bell every Monday evening in term time from 7.30 pm

## **Burton Overy Christmas Tree Festival 2014.**

Our 2014 Christmas Tree Festival – it's our 15<sup>th</sup>! – takes place from Friday December 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup> inclusive. This year's proceeds will go to St. Andrew's Church, the Village Hall and our nominated charity, the Alzheimer's Society, the leading care and research charity for people with dementia and those who care for them.

Invitation letters with full details of the Festival, plus flyers, tree entry forms and request for help forms will be shortly be delivered to every village household. Letters and tree entry forms will be sent out to previous tree entrants a week later.

In view of the high cost of postage, the organising committee have decided not to do a general mail-out this year. Invitations will be sent by e-mail, where possible. This means we rely on everyone in the village to publicise the Festival, and to spread the word among family, friends, work colleagues and so on.

**PLEASE HELP TO DO THIS.**

Please also enter a tree (it is free to enter) and fill in the request for help form. The Festival is a truly community event and its continuing success is due to the huge amount of help and commitment put into it by so many people in the village. Visitors (2,000 of them again last year), love it and say it marks the beginning of Christmas for them.

The raffle raises a huge amount of money but needs donations to make it the success that it is. Please give generously as always and deliver your donated prizes to Carolyn Carson at The Old Coach House Main Street by Wednesday 3rd December 2014 or ring her on 2593736 to arrange collection.

**'MADE IN BURTON OVERY' YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU**

We have an exciting new stall at this year's Christmas Tree Festival dedicated to the residents of Burton Overy only.

We would like to display and sell any handmade art, craft or homemade products (including baking) made by YOU!

You will have a FREE shared table to sell your wares collectively.

A donation of 10% of your profits is all we require and for you to help to staff the stall on a rota basis.

For further information or an expression of interest contact:  
burtonoveryvillagehall@gmail.com.

Let's make our 15<sup>th</sup> Festival our best yet.

## **World War I Centenary Service in Burton Overy.**

There wasn't a dry eye in the church when Hayley Welby spoke about her great grandfather, John Cox, one of eight Burton Overy men who died in the First World War. John is buried in the only Commonwealth grave in St. Andrew's churchyard.

Hayley's was an emotional contribution to the village Commemoration Service on Sunday August 3, when we remembered and paid tribute to those men and all the other British soldiers who fought in the war and many of whom died in the mud and bloodshed of the battlefields of Belgium and France.

The church service, led by Roger Flowers, was sensitively and imaginatively planned by the committee, under the able and enthusiastic leadership of Carolyn Carson. They produced a memorable and moving village event, which included several poems and the hymns 'Abide With Me' and 'O God Our Help in Ages Past'.

'Keep the Home Fires Burning' was beautifully sung by Thelma Short, a small children's choir sang 'A Father's Love' and the Spectaculars choir closed the service with 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary'.

Alfred Fox, Alexander Hubbard, Harry Newton, James Harold Cox and Walter Herbert were all commemorated as were the three Cox brothers, George, Walter and John, all of whom were featured in photographs reproduced by Graham Thompson, and displayed at several points around the village as well as in the Village Hall.

Tea in the Village Hall was a feast of sandwiches, scones with jam and cream and cakes, produced by the catering team and served by junior villagers – the girls looking particularly fetching in their lace and ribbon 1920s waitress caps. Decorated with poppies and the tables laid with pretty vintage china, the Hall looked welcoming and attractive.

After tea, everyone joined in a sing song of First World War songs, led by the Spectaculars.

This very special village occasion will be remembered in village history. Sadness for the fallen, pride in their bravery, sympathy for their families, was mixed with the enjoyment of celebration in the community spirit which is an outstanding characteristic of Burton Overy.

Every village household will receive a commemorative tea towel, designed by Daisy Fawcett.

St Andrew's Church has purchased a beautiful Book of Remembrance to be kept with the war memorial in the church for centuries to come. The book is for the use of all the current residents of Burton Overy and members of the church to record their personal stories of loved ones and family members who fought or who lived through the first and second world wars or any other conflict. It doesn't matter where your



relative lived at the time of the war. The intention is that the completed book will provide a unique snap shot into how the current villagers of Burton Overy have been affected by war. So, if you have any stories to tell or wish to honour someone special then this appeal for information for the book is for YOU.

Beyond commemorating those who heroically and tragically died in action, it would be wonderful too to memorialise some of the many other stories our community has to tell. There are, for example, those who worked on the land to continue to feed the nation; those who went to work in the munitions and other factories to serve the war effort that way; conscientious objectors who risked ostracism for what they believed; servicemen who died in service but are missing from war memorials; and, of course, families left without husbands, fathers, brothers and sons.

There is no need for you to worry about writing a piece; if you have a story then get in touch with Graham Thompson (contact details below) with your information and any photo's / other artefacts that you may wish to share and Graham will assist you directly to make an entry.

So do please take the time to have a think about your family members; ask your relatives or set your children on a project to find out more and add YOUR history to the Book of Remembrance for future generations of Burton Overy to read and importantly, **to remember**.

Contact details: Graham Thompson  
Cherry Tree House, Main Street Burton Overy  
Tel: 259 3783 or [grahamap@btinternet.com](mailto:grahamap@btinternet.com)

### **Burton Overy Flower and Garden Club**

Over the summer, members have enjoyed outings to gardens in Rothley, Burley-on-the-Hill, Goadby (highly recommended!), Husbands Bosworth and Melton Mowbray.

The final meeting in 2014 was on Thursday October 2, when Julia Walker, churchwarden at St James the Greater, who also organises the flowers there, gave us a flower arranging demonstration.

The club provided flowers in church for Easter, the World War I Commemoration service and Harvest Festival, and will be involved in decorating the church for the Christmas Tree Festival.

The first meeting in 2015 will be on Thursday March 5, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. This will be the AGM followed by a flower arranging demonstration by Sally Gee. Non members are welcome to join us for meetings and outings.

## **Burton Overy Friendship Club**

During the summer in addition to the usual monthly coffee mornings there were two special events;

In May a Summer Lunch at “The Waterfront” restaurant Market Harborough,

And in July a Strawberry & Cream Tea which was hosted by Jean Harris at Chestnuts Farm, with the delicious catering expertly done by Jane Chandler.

Both events were well attended and greatly enjoyed.

### **Autumn meetings are planned as follows:**

- October 23<sup>rd</sup> Coffee morning at “Cantu” (Vicky Ryall)
- November 20<sup>th</sup> Coffee morning at “The Springs” (Mr & Mrs Bloor)
- December 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch at “The Old Red Lion” Welham
- The first meeting of 2015 is planned for January 15th

The club has gained several new members – but would really welcome more from the village!

It offers the opportunity to meet other villagers and friends for a friendly chat over a cup of Tea/Coffee and to catch up on village news.

The coffee mornings are from 10.30 till 12.00 normally on the third Thursday of the month - so if you can spare an hour or so once a month, just turn up and you will be made very welcome.

There is a Bring and Buy table and a Raffle – (the funds from which go to cover the costs of the Lunches and Cream Tea).

If you would like any further details contact: Thelma Short on 259 2137 or Jean Harris on 259 2251

## **Village Website**

Burton Overy census records from 1841, 1861, 1871 and 1901 are now available on the website.

Please see: [www.leicestershirevillages.com/burtonovery/census.html](http://www.leicestershirevillages.com/burtonovery/census.html)

The oldest person on the 1841 census was John Moore at 80. The youngest, at only a week old, was Eliza Mallard.

## **Church Repairs - Death Watch Beetle**

The main contract to repair the Nave roof, valley guttering and rainwater goods was completed on time in early August. It also cost below budget, despite the fact that the contract had been put out to competitive tendering. So the death watch beetle has disappeared - at least in that part of the roof of the Church.

However on repairing the roof of the Lady Chapel, adjacent to the valley guttering, it was found that the plaster work had been more extensively invaded by rainwater that had at first been thought and would need repair at some time in the future. To do it now would save costs, while scaffolding was in place, and English Heritage agreed to make a further grant. We haggled over the first quotation and have saved some £650 so that no further fundraising was required, apart from our immediate overheads.

Unfortunately this meant delay. The work has now started and estimated to be completed, depending on drying out conditions, by the end of October.

Thank you to all those who have cleaned the church and arranged flowers while the building work has been in progress, so that we have been able to use the church during the whole of this time.

## **Burton Overy Dancers**

The group, who meet each Wednesday from 8.00 to 10.00 pm (except in July and August) in the village hall, completed a successful year with the AGM on 10th September.

Included in the six committee members elected is John Wilson (Chairman) [jw199@le.ac.uk](mailto:jw199@le.ac.uk) and John Pollard (Programme Secretary) [jandmpollard@gmail.com](mailto:jandmpollard@gmail.com) who are the contact people for the group.

The year has included weekly meetings with many different callers from the group and from outside, A New Year's Day Ramble, and a Celebration Tea Dance in January, an Annual Lunch in February, the 27th Annual Dance in March, a Theatre Visit and a Treasure Hunt in July, a Barbecue in August, and parties for Christmas and end of session in June.

The current year has got off to a good start with high attendance for the September meetings. This year the Annual Lunch will take place on 16th November, there will be a Celebration Tea Dance on 4th January and the 28th Annual dance on 28th February 2015.

New members are always welcome, if you haven't tried folk dancing before instruction is always given



# The Leicestershire Advice Service for Social Care

The Leicestershire Advice Service for Social Care is a new service commissioned by Leicestershire County Council. LCPT (formerly Leicestershire Community Projects Trust), in partnership with The Carers Centre, is delivering the service.

The service which is free, independent and confidential is for adults of all ages who are residents of Leicestershire and are in need of information and advice relating to social care. The request for information can be for yourself, a relative, friend or neighbour or if you are a professional the request for information can be for someone you are supporting. The service consists of two teams, one for people who identify themselves to be of working age and one for people who identify themselves as an older adult. When you contact the service you will be put through to the team best suited to deal with your enquiry.

The need to access social care services is often something very new to families and it can be a daunting prospect trying to find out what help, support, activities, etc. are available and how to access these. The Leicestershire Advice Service team can take the pressure off you by carrying out any research relating to what is available to you and how to access whatever is available. This can include things like how to get a Community Care Assessment, how to get an Impact of Caring Assessment, and finding out about the different services and activities offered by the local authority, voluntary organisations and businesses. If we don't have the answer immediately available we will investigate for you.

Advice is normally offered by telephone; however, the team recognise that this isn't always the best approach and alternative arrangements will be made when the telephone is not a suitable option.

If you need information on:

- What services are available for adults in Leicestershire
- How to access services
- Identifying relevant help
- Maintaining maximum choice and control

Then contact the Leicestershire Advice Service by:

- Telephoning 0116 2229555 or
- Text 07585975701 or
- Email [info@lcp-trust.org.uk](mailto:info@lcp-trust.org.uk)

